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SUBJECT: PM TRUDEAU'S PAPAL AUDIENCE

1. CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU MET WITH POPE PAUL FOR 50 MINUTES ON MARCH 7 TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST, DEVELOPMENT AND DISARMAMENT. UPI COVERAGE OF A PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH TRUDEAU GAVE FOLLOWING AUDIENCE HAS STIRRED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AMONG VATICAN WATCHERS, ESPECIALLY PORTION WHICH QUOTES TRUDEAU AS SAYING THAT POPE PAUL ASKED HIM TO SUPPORT A VATICAN PROPOSAL TO INTERNATIONALIZE JUST THE HOLY PLACES OF THE MIDDLE EAST RATHER THAN ALL OF JERUSALEM. ACCORDING TO UPI, TRUDEAU SAID, "HE (THE POPE) INDICATED THAT RATHER THAN THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM ITSELF, A POSSIBLE SOLUTION WAS THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE HOLY PLACES . . . I UNDERTOOK TO DISCUSS THIS WITH MY FOREIGN MINISTER AND MY GOVERNMENT."

2. ABOVE STORY TOUCHED OFF WAVE OF RUMORS IN ROME THAT VATICAN HAD MADE MAJOR SHIFT IN ITS POLICY AND WAS NOW COMING CLOSER TO ACCEPTING ISRAELI OFFER TO GRANT CONTROL OF CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM HOLY PLACES TO RESPECTIVE RELIGIONS. OUR CHECKS WITH RESPONSIBLE VATICAN SOURCES CONFIRM THAT NO SUCH CHANGE HAD TAKEN PLACE AND THAT POPE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT "INTERNATIONALIZATIONALLY GUARANTEED SPECIAL STATUTE FOR JERUSALEM AND HOLY

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PLACES" AND WOULD PREFER TO SEE WHOLE CITY OF JERUSALEM REMAIN UNDIVIDED AND BECOME A CENTER WHERE MEMBERS OF ALL THREE GREAT MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS CAN LIVE AND WORK IN PEACE AND HARMONY -- A TRUE ECUMENICAL CENTER.

3. QUERIES WITH THE CANADIAN EMBASSY TO HOLY SEE REVEAL A CERTAIN VAGUENESS ABOUT JUST WHAT TRUDEAU DID SAY AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE. CANADIANS SUGGEST THAT UPI MAN WHO WAS TRAVELLING WITH TRUDEAU PARTY AND PROBABLY UNFAMILIAR WITH SUBTLETIES OF VATICAN POSITION ON JERUSALEM MAY HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD JUST WHAT TRUDEAU SAID. CANADIANS TOLD US THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS CONFERENCE BUT HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. FACT THAT CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE CLAIM THEY UNABLE TO RECALL PRECISELY WHAT TRUDEAU DID SAY ABOUT HIS CONVERSATION WITH POPE HAS LED A NUMBER OF DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO HOLY SEE TO BELIEVE THAT, ALTHOUGH IT UNCHARACTERISTIC OF HIM, TRUDEAU MAY HAVE ERRED IN RECALLING DETAILS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH POPE.VOLPE

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